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(54) Title: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE OF A GOLGI PROTEIN FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses the differential expression of golgin-245 in specific brain regions of Alzheimer's disease patients. Based on this finding, this invention provides a method for diagnosing or prognosticating a neurodegenerative disease, in particular Alzheimer's disease, in a subject, or for determining whether a subject is at increased risk of developing such a disease. Furthermore, this invention provides therapeutic and prophylactic methods for treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease and related neurodegenerative disorders using a gene coding for golgin-245. A method of screening for modulating agents of neurodegenerative diseases is also disclosed.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 9 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy
2. Claims Nos.: 10 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
1-15, 18-20 (completely)
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-15,18-20 (completely)

Methods of diagnosing, prognosticating, monitoring the progression or evaluating a treatment of a neurodegenerative disease comprising determining the level and/or activity of a transcription/translation product of a gene coding for golgin 245 in a sample as well as a kit for diagnosing or prognosticating a neurodegenerative disease comprising at least one reagent that selectively detects a transcription/translation product of a gene coding for golgin 245, a protein molecule being a translation product of the gene coding for golgin-245 for use as a diagnostic /screening target for a neurodegenerative disease, use of an antibody specifically immunoreactive with an immunogen, wherein said immunogen is a translation product of a gene coding for golgin-245 for detecting a neurodegenerative disease; a recombinant, non-human animal comprising a non-native gene sequence coding for golgin-245; assays or method for screening for a modulator of neurodegenerative diseases of one or more substances selected from the group consisting of the golgin 245 gene, the transcription or translation product of said gene.

2. claims: 16,17 (completely)

An assay for testing a compound, preferably for screening a plurality of compounds for inhibition of binding between a ligand and golgin-245 protein and an assay for testing a compound, preferably for screening a plurality of compounds to determine the degree of binding of said compounds to golgin-245 protein.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 9

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 10

Present claim 10 relates to a product defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely being a modulator of an activity or a level of at least one substance selected from the group listed in claim 10 under (i)-(iv). The claim covers all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application does not provide any support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such products. In the present case, the claim so lacks support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claim also lacks clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for claim 10.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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